



VERMONT VOTERS REJECT THE PERRY LAW BY A VOTE OF 32,110 TO 18,530; DIRECT PRIMARIES LAW IS ADOPTED

Majority Against Prohibition, 13,580—Majority Favoring Direct Primaries, 3,429—Every County but One, Orleans, Votes Against the Perry Measure—Number of Towns in "Wet" Column, 23.

THE VOTE BY COUNTIES.

	Prohibition	No.	Primary	No.
Addison	1190	2002	1973	1199
Bennington	958	2590	1892	1411
Caledonia	1194	1730	1699	1321
Chittenden	2395	3997	3215	2195
Essex	326	195	280	489
Franklin	1709	2349	2121	1776
Grand Isle	191	308	256	233
Lamoille	682	932	910	611
Orange	902	1375	1017	1151
Orleans	1181	1115	1510	929
Rutland	2149	5501	3338	3813
Washington	2103	1233	2182	1883
Windham	1196	2578	1596	1889
Windsor	1750	2902	2318	1738
Totals	18530	32110	24397	20968

Majority against State-wide prohibition, 13,580. Majority for direct primary, 3,429.

By a majority of 13,580 the voters of Vermont yesterday declared that the present local option law was preferable to the proposed State-wide prohibitory law. Every county in the State except Orleans gave a majority against the proposed law, and at the same time there was only a slight increase in the number of towns voting to grant licenses. There appear to be 23 this year, against 20 last year. Many "lily-white" towns that have never granted licenses voted heavily against the proposed prohibitory law. Brattleboro, with a majority of 538 against the Perry bill, being a notable example. Of the larger towns in the State, Burlington went wet by 341, as against 25 last year. Rutland went wet, two to one, and Barre gave a majority of 103 for license. Montpelier went "dry" by 58 majority.

The direct primary law becomes a law by a majority of 3,429, all the counties except Essex, Orange, Rutland and Windham favoring it.

The vote on the referendums by towns follows:

ADDISON COUNTY.			
	Prohibition	Primary	
Addison	82	96	46
Bennington	47	104	41
Chittenden	122	328	111
Essex	38	69	31
Franklin	82	102	20
Grand Isle	10	14	4
Lamoille	14	28	14
Orange	17	25	8
Orleans	36	38	2
Rutland	68	87	19
Washington	294	294	150
Windham	59	79	20
Windsor	49	87	38
Totals	568	1002	411

BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
	Prohibition	Primary	
Bennington	958	2590	1411
Chittenden	2395	3997	2195
Essex	326	195	489
Franklin	1709	2349	1776
Grand Isle	191	308	233
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CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
	Prohibition	Primary	
Bennington	958	2590	1411
Chittenden	2395	3997	2195
Essex	326	195	489
Franklin	1709	2349	1776
Grand Isle	191	308	233
Lamoille	682	932	611
Orange	902	1375	1151
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TOWNS VOTING "WET."

Barre.	Fair Haven.	Searsburg.
Bennington.	Jay.	Shelburne.
Burlington.	Middlesex.	Shoreham.
Brunswick.	Mount Tabor.	Somerset.
Canaan.	Norton.	South Hero.
Castleton.	Pownal.	Swanton.
Colchester.	Rutland.	Vergennes.
	St. Albans.	West Rutland.

HAPPENINGS IN VT.; NEWS BY COUNTIES

ADDISON COUNTY

MIDDLEBURY.
Oliver E. Chittenden, who has been confined for a few days by illness, has so far recovered as to be able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Shores have gone to Burlington, where they have secured positions. A. Winfield Penman has moved his family to the Powers farm in New Haven, where he has taken for a year. E. H. Piner has gone to the Mary Fletcher hospital, suffering with blood poisoning of the foot. He is improving and the foot can be saved, which was not thought possible when he went to the hospital. Mrs. Timothy Durfee, who recently fractured her wrist, has moved from the east part of the town into the village, where she will make her home with her son, William. A well attended meeting of the farmers and their wives was held in the Penn district school house Friday evening. A. W. Eddy and County Agent Curran gave short talks. Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Reid L. Carr, a former resident, but now a prominent lawyer in New York city, to Miss Eleanor Froelich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Froelich, of Middlebury. The wedding took place at two o'clock Tuesday forenoon with James B. Donnelly as moderator. He was immediately re-elected, as was also Joseph M. Burke as town clerk. On the article to cover the appropriation for Memorial day exercises was voted 95 to 1 to be extended by the post in the village and 52 at East Middlebury. The article to see if the town should vote a sufficient tax to maintain the free public library in connection with the Ladies' Library association was adopted and a tax of 3-12 per cent was appropriated. The article to see if the town would vote money for permanent highways to take advantage of the State aid law was adopted and a sum of \$1000 was appropriated for that purpose. Later the meeting voted a tax of 20 cents on the dollar on the town outside the village district for school purposes. A tax of 35 cents on the dollar to pay for the repairing of roads outside the village and 20 cents for the general town tax. Elroy Jessiman was elected school director for three years and C. E. Seelye for three years. Only two candidates were nominated for first selectmen and only two votes were cast. Of these Fred A. Brooks had 12 and Harry L. Hunt 8. Immediately following William Jackson was re-elected overseer of the poor and his salary was made \$100 as in previous years. Charles E. Pinney was re-elected trustee of public money and treasurer, and the former board of selectmen consisted of George E. Marshall, Oscar H. Chittenden and Dr. W. H. Sheldon were re-elected. A. N. Brown was re-elected grand juror, Milo K. Moore first constable, E. M. Day of East Middlebury second constable, James B. Donnelly town agent, and also trustee of the ladies' library. The main question of the fore to the town was the question of the late George Battell, in all about 200 acres of land on Chapman hill in this village and in the east part of the town for the purposes of public parks, devoting also nearly \$10,000 for the care of such land, was accepted. The other article in Colonel Battell's will, to the effect that the town should have \$500 per year in lieu of taxes on the Battell block, which have aggregated \$10,000 per annum for the last several years, was voted down by a large majority. The town voted down the article to install a uniform system of public accounting as recommended under Act No. 194 of the Laws of 1915. The following petitioners were elected: Charles G. Cady, George N. Shambaugh, Abner McQuibby, Charles H. Grandy, Frank M. Rowe and Clinton W. Tisdale; grand jurors, Harry L. Hunt, E. P. Cornwall and N. C. Pelt; citizens committee to act with the Grand Army in the observance of Memorial day, Edward P. Seymour, Philip Crane and Henry F. Joy; the women's auxiliary and Aid societies of St. Stephen's Church held a well attended meeting at the rectory Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Damon Champagne of Montreal is in town to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goodroe. Mrs. Louise E. Woods, who was called here by the illness of her mother, Mrs. H. D. Archer, has returned to Warrensburg, N. Y., her mother being much improved.

Grimes wished to get in communication with his father, who, he thought, would assist him. Deputy Sheriff N. J. Sanford and Chief of Police George N. Chaffee were in Bridport Tuesday and made a search of Peter Lavallee's home. They found one gallon of intoxicating liquor. He was brought before Judge Donnelly Wednesday and the hearing was adjourned until Friday. He will be tried in Bridport. The Ladies' Aid society of the Memorial Baptist church had a well attended meeting at the home of Mrs. E. C. Gales Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Rozella Cushman has returned from the Mary Fletcher hospital, where she has been under treatment for a few weeks. Her condition is about the same as when she went away. James R. Carmichael, H. A. Boice, Milton Brown, A. H. Stokes, Fred Howard, C. Wells, Walter Colburn, Edward Barnett, E. C. Brown, Arthur Brown, Fred Smith, Fred Laflin and Stanley Rose are in Boston attending the automobile show. Isaac Williams, an employee of the Green Mountain company, met with an accident at that mill Tuesday. While he was handling wood in some way the iron finger on his left hand was caught and was badly jammed. Victor Bourdieu left Wednesday for the Fanny Allen hospital to undergo an operation. William P. Russell Post and Circle will hold their next meeting Tuesday afternoon, March 14, in their hall in the P. O. building. The next will meet at two o'clock and the circle at 7:30. A delegation from Otter Creek Lodge, No. 22, Knights of Pythias, was in Burlington Wednesday to attend the funeral of E. W. Littlehew. Miss Clara Smith has gone to Manchester, called by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Leon Williams. A short visit where they have been on a short visit. The Rev. G. Y. Bliss, bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont, is in town to visit St. Stephen's Episcopal church. At 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening he conducted services, which he will do this evening and Friday evening. On Sunday he will conduct both the morning and evening services.

VERGENNES.

The 12th annual report of the city of Vergennes shows that the expenses of the city for the last year were \$17,375.55 distributed as follows: City poor department, \$86.00; poor farm department, \$157.41; police and jail, \$32.70; fire department, \$1,254.42; water department, \$1,887.56; streets and sidewalks, \$22.00; bridge, \$44.00; highway, \$1,724.50; sewers, \$244.73; new sewer, \$2,156.76; parks, \$6,200.00; street lights, \$1,500.00; city hall, \$123.22; incidentals, \$1,838.60. The city treasurer reports that the receipts from February 15, 1915, to February 15, 1916, were \$23,542.21, and the disbursements were \$22,987.60 leaving a cash balance of \$554.61.

The condition of Deputy Sheriff H. P. Fisher is improving. Harry Allen has returned to Fair Haven after a few days' visit to his brother, Robert Allen. Dr. C. H. Beecher of Burlington held a consultation with Dr. P. J. Carroll Monday on the case of Mrs. Julia Daniels, who is seriously ill. Mrs. Julia visited relatives in Middlebury Sunday. Arthur Bristol of Middlebury visited relatives in town Sunday. Miss Prentiss spent Sunday at her home in St. Albans. C. J. Hendon went Sunday to Burlington. At the Monday morning opening exercises of the Vergennes high school the program was as follows: Address, the Rev. Arthur V. Allen; piano duet, the Messrs. Marie and Katherine Rivers; vocal solo, Samuel Sherry; cornet solo, Donald Willis; violin solo, Donald Hallock; Miss Emma Desjardins of Rutland visited Mrs. J. W. Ryan Sunday. Miss Ella Little and Miss Katherine McCabe spent Sunday with Mrs. Little's aunt, Mrs. William Storrell, of Shelburne. At the Congregational church Sunday evening the Rev. George Humphries of New York spoke on "Athletics and Religion." P. L. Little of South Hero spent Sunday here with his family. Mrs. A. J. Webster, a former resident, who is now making her home with her daughter in Belmont, is visiting Mrs. Alexander H. Godette. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Leonard of Shoreham (Continued on Page Two.)

GERMANS CLAIM GAIN AT VERDUN ON 4-MILE FRONT

Also the Capture of 58 Officers and 3,277 Men—Two Villages, Heights of Raben and Cumières Woods Are Taken.

FRENCH RESIST DESPERATELY

East of the Meuse Germans Capture Hardaumont Redoubt and Straighten Out Line for Distance of Five Miles—French Aeroplanes Active.

London, March 8.—Fighting of great violence between the French and German infantry has been in progress from Bethincourt, northwest of Verdun, to the Meuse and east of the Meuse from the southern slopes of the Cote de Talon to the Doumont region, battle fronts extending about 10 miles in length. Stilled military duels continue along the remainder of the front about Verdun. A continuation of the German drive northwest of Verdun is declared by Berlin to have halted the French. French positions on a front of nearly four miles and virtually two miles in depth and enclosed them to capture 58 officers and 3,277 men. The villages of Forges and Treuville, the heights of Raben and Cumières woods fell into the hands of the Germans.

The French did not give up these positions without strong resistance and suffered heavy casualties, especially along the southern fringe of the Cumières woods. In the Cumières woods, which was occupied recently by the Germans, the French launched a heavy counter attack and drove the Germans out of the greater part of the position. A German attack with heavy effectiveness against the French Bethincourt line was repulsed.

East of the Meuse the Germans have recaptured the Hardaumont redoubt, over which there has been much heavy fighting, and in a line straightening maneuver have made progress on a front of about five miles, along the southern slopes of the Cote de Talon and the Cote du Poivre and in the Doumont region.

In the Woivre district, southeast of Verdun, the Germans have forced the French to leave their hold on outlying positions they held in the village of Fresnes. Here the Germans assert they captured 50 prisoners. In the Meuse hills the French artillery is counter-shelling the guns of the Germans.

Trenches captured by the French in the Argonne, descriptive bombardments of German positions at several points north of the Aisne and the shelling in the forest of the Argonne are told in the French official communication. Sixteen French aeroplanes have dropped a large number of shells on the Metz-Saulnois station.

Russian warships are particularly active in the Black sea, bombarding the coast towns, and the continued progress of the Russian force is evidenced by the capture of the town of Iltia, about 15 miles east of Trebizond, one of the important objectives of the Russian army. In Persia, also the Russians are forcing their advance at a lively pace and have captured the town of Senha (Senah) to the north of Kermanshah.

American activity is increasing along the Isthmus of Panama, where the United States has been vigorously prosecuting the reopening of a progressive campaign.

TALKS WITH MOTHER ACROSS CONTINENT

Longest Distance Toll Connection Ever Held on Phone—Bellows Falls and Seattle Connected.

Bellows Falls, March 8.—Mrs. P. H. Coo of Seattle, Wash., observed her birthday anniversary today and as a pleasing reminder of the anniversary, her son, H. L. Coo of 3 Green street, called with her on the telephone this evening for five minutes. This was the longest paid telephone conversation which has ever taken place. The total distance over which the conversation was carried was 1400 miles. The call was routed from here to Greenfield thence to New York by the transcontinental route to San Francisco, a distance of 2700 miles, then to Seattle by the Pacific coast to Seattle. In addition to being the longest paid call it was the first transcontinental talk sent from Vermont.

A talk between Poland Springs, Me., and San Francisco previously held the record, until this evening. The conversation between mother and son was plainly audible to both. The telephone company through Manager H. W. Buzzell had previously been notified of the prospective call and special circuits were arranged here and other points to insure satisfactory service.

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Industrial Board Files Reports of Deaths of William L. Lewis and Griffith J. Hughes.

Montpelier, March 8.—The Industrial accident board has placed on file the reports of an accident which happened at West Pawlet last week, which resulted in the death of two employees of the Rising & Nelson State company. The victims were William L. Lewis and Griffith J. Hughes, formerly of the concern. They were standing on a pile of lumber used as a dump when a log slipped from a chain, crushing them. Hughes, who was 55 years old, was killed instantly and his companion, 45 years, died 20 minutes later.

GERMANY WILL ABIDE BY UNDERSEA RULES IF ALLIES DO ALSO

Von Bernstorff Hands Secretary of State Lansing Memorandum, which Indicates Teutons' Willingness to Observe Laws of Submarine Warfare Prevailing at Beginning of War if the Entente Will Consent to Observe the Same Regulations.

Washington, March 8.—Germany today made a further explanation to the United States of the position it has taken in regard to armed merchant vessels of the entente allies. Count Von Bernstorff handed Secretary Lansing a formal memorandum which, after reviewing the events leading up to Germany's recent decision to treat armed merchant ships as auxiliary cruisers, asserted that existing international law does not regulate the use of submarines, indicated a willingness to conduct unbridled warfare in accordance with the law prevailing at the outbreak of the war, provided Great Britain and her allies would regard the same laws, and expressed the hope that the people of the United States, remembering the long-standing friendly relations between the two nations, would appreciate the German position.

The memorandum was submitted to President Wilson shortly after its receipt. There was every indication that the administration would be in no hurry to announce a stand as to the new policy of the central European powers, or to pass finally on Germany's latest proposal for a settlement of the Lusitania case.

Speeches of President Wilson's victory in the light to end agitation in Congress over the armed ship question were heard today on both sides of the Capitol. In the Senate, Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, made a statement, after a conference with the President, announcing that because of the change that his committee might be misconstrued abroad, he would not make a speech he had prepared for delivery tomorrow. He referred to the difficulty by which the executive was beset, and declared that President Wilson's sentence wish was to avoid the calamity of war.

On the House side, several members asked leave to extend to the record their remarks of yesterday on the taking of the McLennan armed ship resolution and Minority Leader Mann took occasion to suggest that some had voted on both sides of the question on the test ballots so they could explain their positions to constituents on either side. Representatives

When attention was called to the apparent discrepancies between the German and the British versions of the instructions officials pointed out that the date on the German version was prior to that on the British version. It was said that future events would be considered in the light of the orders now in force. The United States will accept the assurances of the British government as to which orders are in force, just as it will accept the assurances of Germany regarding any action by that government.

FLEET OF FIFTY GERMAN WARSHIPS SAID TO EXIST IN NORTH SEA

London, March 8.—A German fleet consisting of at least 50 warships, followed by a large group of armed trawlers, two big Zeppelins and numerous submarines, was sighted in the North Sea off the coast of North Holland, according to the report of a steam trawler which has arrived at Yarmouth. Says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, the fleet was proceeding westward.

The correspondent adds that Monday morning five large cruisers of unknown nationality passed Yarmouth at full speed.

London, March 8, 11:30 a. m.—The German fleet was reported to be using this morning says Reuter's Yarmouth correspondent telegraphing Wednesday.

"A Dutch trawler which was searched by one of the warships," the correspondent adds, "reports that many of the vessels had a peculiar appearance. Those carrying several funnels had a sternmost funnel painted yellow or covered with yellow cloth, while the other funnels were grey."

100,000 CROSSED THE ATLANTIC LAST YEAR

250,000 Traveled on the Vessels of Reliance.

Washington, March 8.—Despite the perils of submarine warfare, 100,000 persons crossed the Atlantic between American and European ports as passengers last year. Figures assembled today in the bureau of navigation show that 250,000 of them traveled on vessels owned by the Belgians, one hundred and fifty thousand took passage on neutral ships.

ROOSEVELT SAYS HE IS NOT CANDIDATE

New York, March 8.—John W. McGranath, secretary to Theodore Roosevelt, announced today that he had sent the following telegram from Mr. Roosevelt to Louis G. Stevenson, secretary of state of Illinois, at Springfield:

"I hereby disavow candidacy of any and all delegates to Illinois primary who are expressing preference for me for presidential nomination."
Signed,
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

GERMANS AFTER RAILROAD

Paris, March 8.—The immediate object of the German attack is the northwest of Verdun, resulting in the occupation of the French advanced post of the village of Forges, appears to take the railway between Verdun and Chateau Forges had 400 inhabitants, who lived in a street of the same name, which runs into the Meuse.